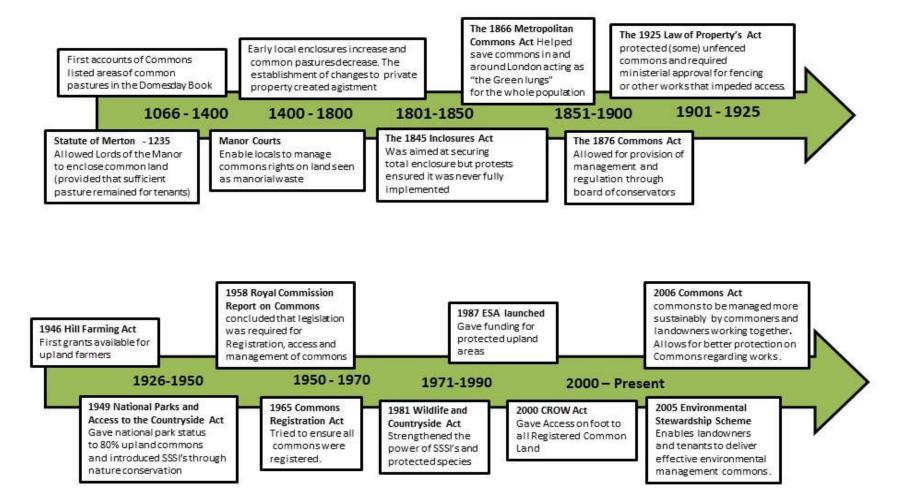
ENGLISH & WELSH COMMONS



A gathering of those across Great Britain with a stake in pastoral commons

Brussels: November 2015

1000 years of commons





Highly Documented System of Governance

A Collection of Orders and Byelaws (i.e. Pains) made at the Courts Baron for the Manor of Aglionby in 1683 for the good Governance of the said Manor, by John Aglionby Esq., Lord of the said Manor, and of all the Tenants of the same, testified by subscribing their names thereunto, the excerpts begin at 1494

CHALLENGES

- 1. Commons depend on Commoning
- 2. Complexity demands CAP Flexibility
- 3. Motivate and Empower Commoners



COMMONERS AND COMMON LAND OWNERS

REGULATE

PROVIDE

CREATE & MAINTAIN

FOOD

CARBON

LANDSCAPE

BREEDING LIVESTOCK

WATER FLOW & QUALITY

TRADITION

WATER

NUTRIENTS

ACCESS & RECREATION

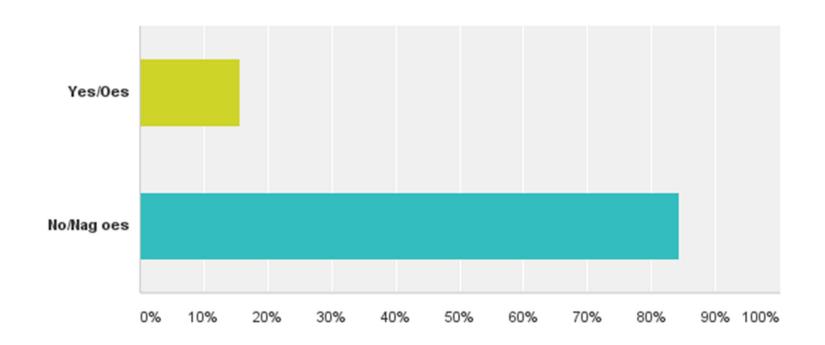
WOOD PRODUCTS

COMMUNITIES

THESE ACTIONS DETERMINE THE RESULTING BIODIVERSITY AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC RESILIENCE ON COMMONS
WE AIM FOR BETTER OUTCOMES FOR ALL OUTPUTS THROUGH A PLACE BASED APPROACH TO DECISION MAKING



WALES 2015 SURVEY: Are there younger graziers (under 30 years old) who are not currently exercising rights but intend to do so in the future?

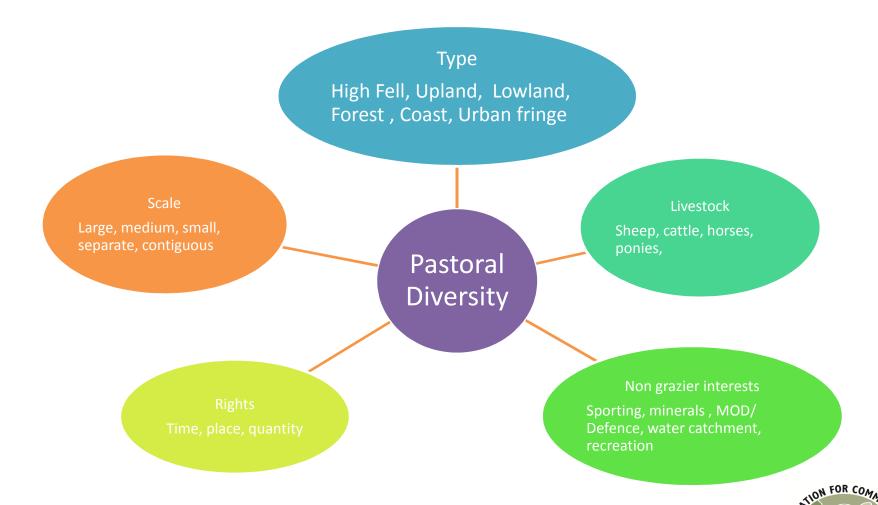


Attributes of Successful Commons

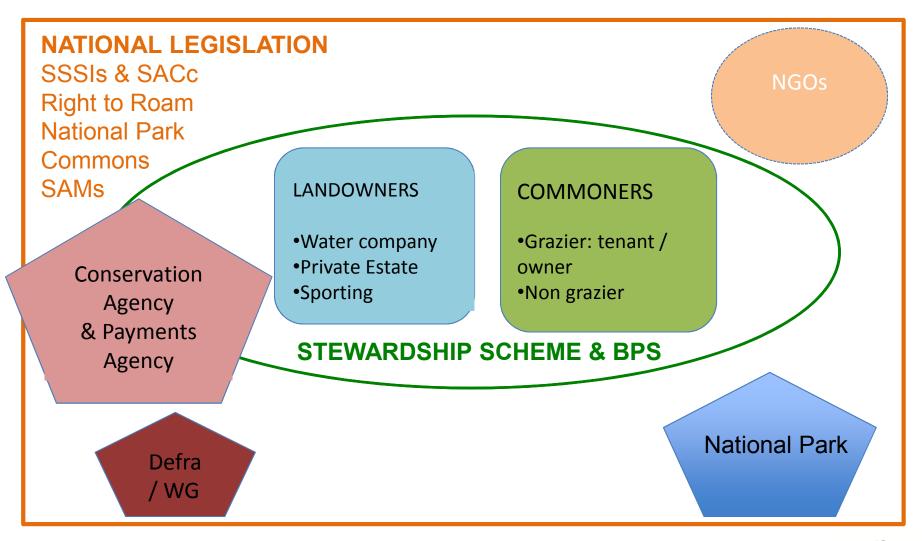




Commons diversity



Legal Complexity on Common Land



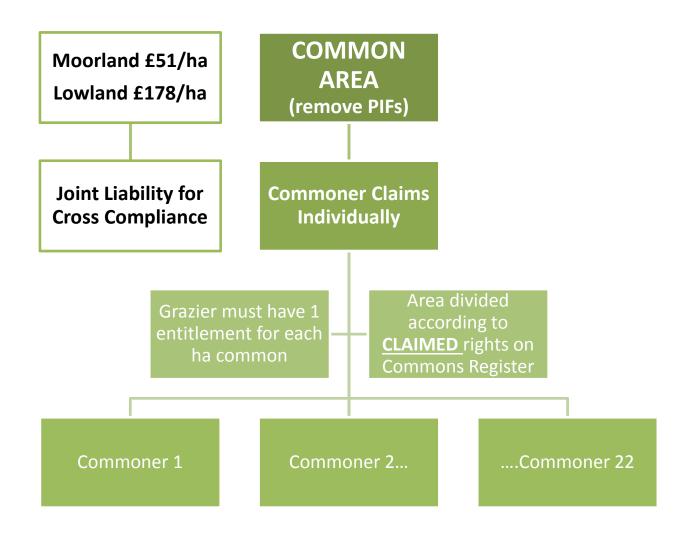


THE COMMONS REGISTER

Register unit No. Edition No. Register of COMMON LAND See Overleaf for Notes RIGHTS SECTION-Sheet No. 1 Name and address of every applicant for registration, and the capacity in which Particulars of the land (if any) to which Particulars of the right of common, and of the land over which it is exercisable No. and date No. and date of application of entry Naddle Farm, Bampton Westmorland shown coloured blue on The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and To graze:-679 the supplemental maps bearing the number of registration (a) 5000 sheep Citizens of the City of Manchester 27th October, 25th June, entry Nol 19 in the rights section of register unit No. (b) 30 head of cattle and Town Hall, Manchester 2. Owners. 1968 1969 See entry CL.85. (c) 6 horses together with the right of estovers Dielou over the whole of the land comprised in this register unit together with the whole of the land comprised in register No. CL.85. (Registration provisional) Swindale Farm, Shap, Westmorland comprising the land 690 The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and To graze: -(a) 1700 sheep with their followers shown coloured blue on the supplemental map bearing the Citizens of the City of Manchester 5th June, 22nd April,70 Town Hall, Manchester, 2. See outry number of entry No. 14 in the rights section of register (b) 30 head of cattle with their followers and Owners. James Edward Raine, Swin-Prolow unit No. CL.56 dale Foot, Shap, Westmorland. (c) 5 horses with their followers, together with the right of estovers over the whole of the Tenant. land comprised in this register unit together

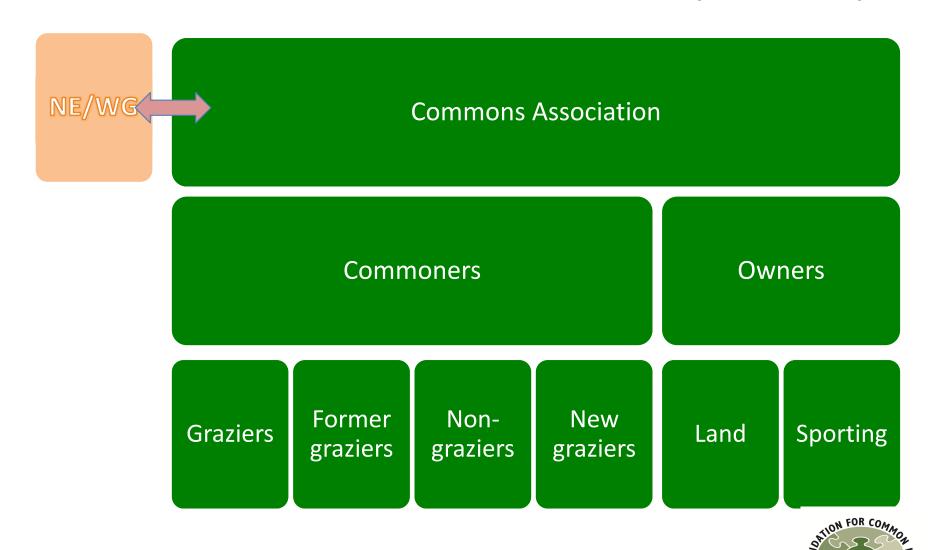


PILLAR 1: BASIC PAYMENT ON COMMONS





PILLAR 2: STEWARDSHIP (£23-100/ha)



COMMONERS MOTIVATION LAKE DISTRICT

Livelihood&

Livestock Farming is a lifestyle Valuable grazing

Doesn't pay enough for young Agri-environment is significant We don't shepherd so often

Far fewer graziers Schemes impact finances
Peace and quiet - continuity

Finances affects choices

Sense of belonging Stewardship for next generation

Views and open spaces We would like more sheep



COMMONERS MOTIVATION WALES

access available bedding best bracken breeding COMMON condition continued CONTrol dry ease encourage environmental ewes extra family farm fields financial flock glastir gorse government graziers grazing habitat harvesting hay health heather hefted hill holding home income keep kept lambs and landscape livelihood livestock lowland maintain management maximising mountain number pasture payment pressure production protect provide resources rest retain rights scheme scrub sfp sheep small stock subsidy summer tradition used usefull value viability welfare

PUBLIC GOODS MOTIVATION

Environment&

Vegetation has improved it is the farmers who manage the landscape

Differing Perceptions - farmers and NE / Government

Stock Numbers too low - undergrazed

We don't understand what vegetation they are looking for More Flexibility is required the made it possible stacken is a problem what vegetation they are looking for More Flexibility is required to stock numbers about right thas worked for hundreds of years

NE don't know what they are asking for Woodlands are alien - fence off shelter / fence problems

Sheep are important for allowing walkers access

Ask Farmers how to do it Sheep are important for controlling scrub

NE staff are dictated to by national targets

Commoners focus on environmental benefits for sheep farming

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Stock numbers about right

Keep the Countryside Tidy for Visitors

Neep the Countryside Tidy for Visitors

Sheep are important for allowing walkers access

Neep the Countryside Sheep numbers result in drift of sheep problem with caterpillars

Sheep are important for controlling scrub

Problem with caterpillars

ESA / HLS is good

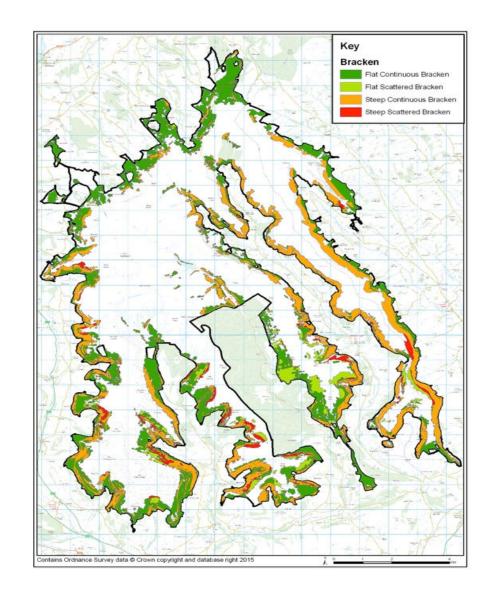


Managing change on commons Bracken distribution - slope

Showing the distribution of bracken within the Black Mountains between flat ground <20° and steep ground >20°

- Steep slopes (>20°) 1893ha
- Flatter ground (<20°) with 2006ha



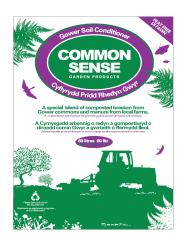


Bracken a cost or a benefit

Income Understanding

Common Sense

Planning phase



Compost sales

Bracken harvesting



Awareness

Compost production

Benefits

Challenges

- 1. Skilled & Active Commoners
- 2. Narrow Focus & Declining Payments
- 3. Motivating Delivery of Public Goods



THANK YOU

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